

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. No new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments are made to the specification to include numerals 540, 550 and 560 mentioned in Figure 5 and to correct errors with respect to reference signs 520, 530 and 540 in the detailed description, as suggested by the Examiner.

I. Objection to Drawings and Specification

The Office Action objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference signs not mentioned in the description: "540" in Figure 5, "550" in Figure 5 and "560" in Figure 5. By this Response, an amendment to the current specification is submitted to include reference signs "540", "550" and "560" of Figure 5 in the detailed descriptions.

In addition, the Office Action objects the disclosure because the disclosure recites "resultant file 520" (page 10, lines 17, 21(twice), 22, 27; page 11, line 1) in reference to Figure 5. In Figure 5, the reference sign "520" is directed toward "Identify Tags" and not "Resultant File". The Office Action also objects the disclosure because the disclosure recites "transcoded files 530" (page 10, lines 28, 29; page 11, line 1) in reference to Figure 5. In Figure 5, the reference sign "530" is directed toward "Write Resultant File" and not "Transcoded Files".

By this Response, amendment to the specification is submitted to correctly describe reference sign "520" as the Identify Tags, reference sign "530" as the Resultant File, and reference sign "540" as the Transcoded Result File into PvC Specific File. Furthermore, reference sign "550" is added in the detail descriptions to describe Unmask JSP Tags and reference sign "560" is added to describe Write PvC specific JSP File.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings and specification be withdrawn.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Obviousness, Claims 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 27-28

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,535,896 B2). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are improper under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). According to chapter 706.02(I)(1) of the MPEP, titled "Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)/103; 35 U.S.C. 103(c) [R-1]", under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), effective November 29, 1999, subject matter which was prior art under former 35 U.S.C. 103 via 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is now disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention if that subject matter and the claimed invention "were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person." This change to 35 U.S.C. 103(c) applies to all utility, design and plant patent applications filed on or after November 29, 1999.

The present invention was filed on April 06, 2000, which is dated after November 29, 1999. In addition, the present invention and the Britton reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same entity or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, i.e. International Business Machine Corporation of Armonk, NY. Therefore, Britton is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103 against the claimed invention. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Obviousness, Claims 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24

The Office Action rejects claims 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,535,896 B2) in view of Judson (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,586 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As Applicants respectfully submitted above, Britton is disqualified as prior art 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)/103; 35 U.S.C. 103(c) [R-1]. Therefore, Britton in view of Judson are

also disqualified as prior art under U.S.C § 102(e)/103; 35 U.S.C. 103(c) [R-1]. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections to claims 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Obviousness, Claims 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26

The Office Action rejects claims 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,535,896 B2) in view of Ramaley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,585,177 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

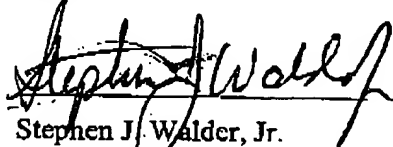
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V. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Britton, Judson and Rameley and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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